

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of :)	
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Raymond J. GORTE, <i>et al.</i>)	Examiner: Dah-Wei D. Yuan
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Serial No.: 10/053,085)	Group Art Unit: 1745
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Filed: November 9, 2001)	Confirmation Number 5527
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For: USE OF SULFUR-CONTAINING FUELS FOR DIRECT-OXIDATION FUEL CELLS		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the parent application, the examiner issued a final Office Action dated December 19, 2005. Applicants filed a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, and the Patent Office issued a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review on May 11, 2006, informing the applicants that there is at least one actual issue for appeal. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on June 19, 2006, and now submit this preliminary amendment for consideration prior to examination of this application.

The Listing of Claims can be found on pages 2-8 of this paper.

Remarks are found on pages 9-13 of this paper.